

IN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 04, 2016 VOL. 34 PAGE 201

Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 01-01042016*

Appointing Warden's and Ward Clerk's for 2016-2017.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone appointing Warden's and Ward Clerk's for 2016-2017. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- December 21, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns accepting the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Proclamation – Human Trafficking Awareness Month – Jamie Ricker, Trish Grant and Chief Phil Crowell spoke on human trafficking.

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business

1. Order 02-01042016

Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds and a Tax Levy Therefor. First Reading, Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Walker to Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds and a Tax Levy Therefor as presented.

Public comment – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Resolve 01-01042016

Supporting Staffs pursuit of the Maine Fire Service Institute (MFSI) 2016 Facilities Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and Seconded by Councilor Walker supporting Staff's pursuit of the Maine Fire Service Institute (MFSI) 2016 Facilities Grant.
Passage 7-0.

3. Resolve 02-01042016

Supporting Staff's pursuit of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker supporting Staff's pursuit of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the resolve to include the Auburn Police Department's ATV shall be offered for sale, if the price were acceptable to staff, and proceeds of the sale would go toward the funding of the local match for this grant. Passage 5-2 (Councilor Burns and Councilor Titus in opposition).

Public Comment – Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented that he would like to see the City look at more options before spending money.

Passage of Resolve 02-01042016 as amended 6-1 (Councilor Titus in opposition).

4. Ordinance 01-01042016

Adopting the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and City Council, Division 2, Rules of Procedure, Section 2-58, Time and place of regular meetings. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to adopt the proposed amendment to Part II, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and City Council, Division 2, Rules of Procedure, Section 2-58, Time and place of regular meetings as presented and to dispense the requirement of readings on two separate days.

Public Hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VII. Executive Session - none

VIII. Reports

Mayor LaBonté – Provided an update on the committee structure piece he's working on and hopes to have an electronic version to staff by tomorrow; dates have been selected for the Neighborhood Conversations starting this Thursday, January 14th and meeting for 4 consecutive Thursday's - January 14th, January 21st, January 28th & and February 4th at various school locations.

Councilor Young - Thanked Mayor LaBonté for his appointment to a new committee.

Councilor Pross - Thanked Mayor LaBonté for his appointment as Mayor's Representative to the School Committee. He attended a meeting in December and will be attending one this week. On January 6th at 6:00 PM there will be a meeting at the West Auburn Congregational Church to look at proposed changes in use to the Summer Street extension. The meeting coincides with the Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Councilor Stone - No report.

Councilor Titus - No report.

Councilor Gilbert – No report.

Councilor Walker – Provided a reminder about the meeting to discuss the New Auburn Village Plan at the Boys and Girls Club this Thursday at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Burns – No report.

City Manager – Provided a reminder of the Airport Board meeting this Thursday at 5:00 PM to go over the annual budget; LAEGC will be meeting on Friday, January 8th at 7:30 A.M. to discuss The Miracle Enterprise Project taking place here in Auburn; and January 29th the City of Auburn will be holding Winterfest.

IX. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Joe Gray, Soper's Mill Road – Inquired about the Committees purpose and asked if the meetings will be open to the public.

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X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Stone to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Alison F. Pepin, Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present.

I. Consent Items

1. Order 03-01252016*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointments of Constables with a firearm for the City of Auburn.

2. Order 04-01252016*

Confirming the appointments of Assistant City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil, to the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee with a three year term which will expire on January 1, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Burns to accept the consent items as presented. Passage 7-0.

II. Minutes

- January 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented.
Passage 7-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Norway Savings Bank Arena Update - Mark Gosselin

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road – commented on the Neighborhood Revitalization item that was presented during the workshop stating that he did not believe this initiative would get to the root of the problem noting that he feels that crime isn't actually the root of the problem in those neighborhoods – poverty is. He added that we should focus on the poverty issue. He said he wanted to talk about “an easy way to save nearly \$1 million dollars in the budget” which is through the 9-1-1 center, stating that we pay the County for services that we do not use. He suggested that we develop a policy giving them a deadline to figure out how they can support us with 9-1-1 service. He also suggested that we look at a way for fewer outside entities to control our destiny and to take control of what is inside of our city.

Dan Herrick 470 Hatch Road – commented on the snow removal that was done just a few days before we had 50° weather when the snow was melting, noting that this was costly for the tax payers of the City. He would like to know why they did it.

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He talked about the Firefighter Grant that was voted on by Council at the previous Council meeting stating that he hopes the grant doesn't get approved. He spoke about the way items get placed on an agenda and commented that he would like to see tax acquired properties put back on the agenda, as well as Agricultural Zoning.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Order 02-01042016

Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds and a Tax Levy Therefor. Second reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Walker authorizing the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds and a tax levy therefor.

Public hearing – no one from the public spoke.

Passage 7-0. A roll call vote was taken.

VI. New Business - None

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayor LaBonté – noted that first Neighborhood Conversation meeting was held last Thursday. He said it was not a perfect format but it was helpful and he expects it will get better as they progress. He said he will not be able to attend the next one due to medical reasons, however Councilor Pross and the City Manager will help to facilitate that meeting in his absence. He mentioned that the Danville Junction Grange is up for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. He noted that next year, 2017, marks the 150th anniversary of the end or annexation of Danville. There may be opportunities to work with Danville residents, the Grange and the State Preservation office to find a way

to celebrate that milestone anniversary and to celebrate our history. He reported that Auburn has been awarded with a half million dollar grant for Hampshire Street in 2018. He provided documents for Councilors to review on the Council Committees. He would like the committees to kick off with a meeting in February. If all Council Committees are able to meet in February, he would like Council to meet on February 29th for Council goal setting and a work plan.

Councilor Burns – he thanked staff for taking the time on another Saturday for the Orientation tour which he found very informative.

Councilor Walker – his written reports are included in the agenda packet but he wanted to add that tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM at Rolly's Diner, the United New Auburn Association will meet. Guest speaker will be Mamie Ney, the Library Director. The Neighborhood Watch Group will be meeting at the St. Louis Church building at 6:30 on Thursday evening.

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Councilor Gilbert – also wanted to thank staff for the Saturday orientation tours.

Councilor Titus – agreed with Councilor Gilberts comments as well. He noted that he attended the Joint Charter Committee meeting. The draft charter is on line, and he encouraged residents to check it out. He said he is looking forward to more Neighborhood Conversation meetings. There hasn't been an AVCOG Executive Committee meeting yet – the next meeting is scheduled for February.

Councilor Stone – echoed the comments on the orientation tour, and said it was great. The Airport Board met, and a lot of issues are involved in putting together a workable budget. Wednesday morning he is meeting with Bonnie Hayes, Ward 2 School Committee representative to talk about Council and School relations. He will not be able to attend the East Auburn Community Conversation because he will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting. He attended the Joint Charter Committee meeting along with Councilor Titus. He said he has a lot of questions and concerns. He urged everyone to take a long, hard look at the proposed by laws.

Councilor Pross – echoed the previous comments that were made on the Neighborhood Conversation meeting held last Thursday. The School Committee is deeply into union contract negotiations, which will be a major cost driver of the budget. He has encouraged School Committee members to reach out to their corresponding Councilors as he did to Councilors at the last Council meeting in order to open up the dialogue before we get into budget discussions. He noted that the School Committee did adopt a formal policy regarding the administration of medical marijuana to minor students in the schools which protects the city and schools from liability issues. He commented on a presentation that was given at the previous School Committee meeting. It was an in depth presentation on the proficiency based diploma implementation plan. He also reported that he let the school committee know about the restructuring effort of the Committees of the City Council in order to be more effective policy makers.

Councilor Young – he attended the meeting of the Great Falls TV advisory board, and the members thought it would be their last meeting but new members have not been

appointed yet. The by-laws have been drafted and will be presented to the new board for approval and eventually to the City Council. He also noted that the chapters have been added to Great Falls TV website after a transmission failure.

City Manager Report – City Manager, Howard Kroll thanked staff and Councilors that attended the Council Orientation workshop and tour on Saturday. He reminded everyone of the upcoming United New Auburn meeting at Rolly's on Thursday. He mentioned that the Joint Charter Commission consultant will be interviewing department heads. He echoed the positive feedback from the Neighborhood Conversations meeting that was held last week at Edward Little. He wanted to remind everyone that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of this week is our annual Winter Festival. He thanked the Police, Code, and CDBG Department for their NRU (Neighborhood Revitalization Unit) presentation. He noted that Sabrina Best started today as the new Recreation Department Director, and Michael Chammings is the new Economic Development Director for the city.

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Finance Director, Jill Eastman – December 2015 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Stone to accept and place on file the December 2015 monthly finance report. Passage 7-0.

IX. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

No one from the public spoke.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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City Manager Kroll called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. All Councilors were present, Mayor LaBonté had an excused absence.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone seconded by Councilor Pross to nominate Councilor Young to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of Mayor LaBonté. Passage 6-0 with Councilor Young abstaining.

II. Consent Items - None

II. Minutes

- January 25, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Burns accepting the minutes of the January 25, 2016 City Council meeting. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young did not vote).

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

Auburn Police Department Badge Pinning Ceremony

New Hires: Patrol Officer Pedro “Efra” Becerra-Aviles, Patrol Officer Daniel Chabot, Patrol Officer James Davison, Patrol Officer Christopher Saunders.

Promotions: Sergeant Kristopher Bouchard, promoted from Corporal to Patrol Sergeant; Sergeant Matthew Dailey, promoted from Corporal to patrol Sergeant; Sergeant Jason Moore, promoted from Corporal/Detective to Patrol Sergeant; Sergeant Chad Syphers, promoted from Corporal/Detective to Patrol Sergeant.

Certification: Chaplain Roger Cousineau.

Council Communication – Business License Denial (Indeego Spa)

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

Mamie Ney – Director of Auburn Public Library, invited everyone to attend a Lincoln Birthday Celebration at 3:00 PM on February 12th at the Library. The movie Lincoln will be featured. She also gave special thanks to Tizz Crowley, Councilor Walker, and City Manager Howard Kroll for their help in putting this event together.

City Manager, Howard Kroll, introduced Sabrina Best, our new Recreation and Special Event Director.

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. New Business - None

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VII. Executive Session - Economic Development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C).

Motion was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Titus to enter into executive session to discuss an economic development matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C). Passage 6-0 (Councilor Young did not vote). Time 7:36 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Young declared Council out of executive session at 8:11 PM.

VIII. Reports

Councilor Burns – no new committee reports at this time, but he stated that he is looking forward to working with Councilors Stone and Pross on the policy committee (Economic and Community Development).

Councilor Walker - no new committee reports at this time, but he noted that the meeting for the Transportation committee is set up for either the 25th or 26th of February.

Councilor Gilbert - she will be attending three meetings this week but has nothing new to report for this month.

Councilor Young - no committee report at this time.

Councilor Titus – the Finance and Administration Committee will be meeting on February 18th, the Public Safety committee has not scheduled a date yet but should be confirmed soon. He noted that there was a meeting at ATRC having to do with the Downtown Transportation Center tomorrow.

Councilor Stone – he is looking forward to meeting on the 18th with the Finance & Administration Committee. He also noted that he met with his coordinating School Committee member, Bonnie Hayes, and it was a worth-while effort.

Councilor Pross – Last Thursday on the 28th the second Neighborhood Conversation meeting was held at the East Auburn Community School. He facilitated the meeting in the absence of the Mayor. He received positive feedback. The focus was on both the schools and city based projects. They also talked a bit about the East Auburn Community School and how it stands out in terms of its size overall as far as student population goes and how it measures out compared to other elementary schools. One thing in particular that interested him was that the poverty rate at that school is 41%. He encouraged Councilors again to reach out to their corresponding School Committee members, if they haven't already, to talk about issues before budget conversations begin. Lost valley had a wonderful night at the Winter Fest on Friday. He attended with his daughter and it was a fun time. He thanked city staff for doing a great job putting that together and for making it a success. He also thanked Lost Valley for hosting a wonderful night.

City Manager – thanked the Recreation Department staff for Winter Fest, in particular, Jasmine McLoughlin who really made it happen. All in all it was a great event. Norway Savings Bank Arena opened up for free skating. Tomorrow is a meeting at Androscoggin

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Valley Council of Governments, the LATC will be voting on taking proceeds money out of their reserve account to put toward the Downtown Transportation Center. Thursday at Walton School is the next Neighborhood Conversation meeting. He is expecting a good turnout. Also on Thursday the Airport Board meeting will be at 5PM to discuss the budget. He also mentioned the upcoming meetings with Joint Charter Commission. They've hired a firm out of Rochester, New York that will be interviewing, staff, department heads in particular, and the Mayors of both cities.

- IX. Open Session** - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

No one from the public spoke.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Walker to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

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Mayor LaBonté called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Walker had an excused absence. All other Councilors were present.

III. Consent Items

3. Order 05-02222016*

Appointing Mary LaFontaine as the Chair of the Registration Appeals Board with a term expiration of 3/1/2020.

4. Order 06-02222016*

Accept and place on file the FY15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

5. Order 07-02222016*

Accepting the transfer of \$2,050.10 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency to the Auburn Police Department (Superior Court Criminal Action Docket No. CV-15-745 Thomas Murphy).

6. Order 08-02222016*

Confirming Chief Crowell's appointment of Francis M. Carignan as Constable without firearm for the Auburn Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Titus to pull order 07-02222016 off the Consent agenda and add it under new business.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Pross to accept the remainder of the consent items as presented. Passage 6-0.

II. Minutes

- February 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Titus to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting as presented. Passage 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

- Fund Balance Analysis Presentation – Jill Eastman, Finance Director

IV. Open Session – Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*. No one from the public spoke.

Larry Pelletier 129 Second Street – had questions regarding the school department's fund balance and wondered how it tied into this discussion. The School Department's fund balance is restricted. The total fund balance does include the School Department's.

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Dan Herrick 470 Hatch Road – commented that the last time he came before council he had a concern about removing snow just before a warm up. He said he did receive a call from the Director of Public Works but went on to express his dissatisfaction with the answer he was given.

Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road – stated that he would like to see the screen in Council Chambers used more during meetings. He added that new information is presented at meetings after the agenda has already posted and he finds that to be very discouraging. In regards to the 3.5 million dollar deficit, he noted that it is less than 5% of the budget which he said "is not that big of a deal - it can be made up". He said that he found it striking that in 2011 expenditures were \$70 million and in 2015 it was \$78 million. He said it is too much and "frivolous spending has to stop".

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

1. Ordinance 02-02222016

Adopting the amendments to Chapter 20, Article IV – Housing Code. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Pross and seconded by Councilor Stone to adopt the amendments to Chapter 20, Article IV – Housing Code, draft #2 as presented.

Public hearing:

Dan Herrick, 470 Hatch Road questioned who was going to police this. He commented that there are a lot of issues with this proposal and it should be looked at before it is passed.

Larry Pelletier, 129 Second Street stated that he purchased his home in 1982 and has been able to maintain it over the years. He added that it is now in serious need of paint or siding but they cannot afford it at this time. He asked what kind of assistance is out there for residents to be able to maintain their properties.

Joe Gray, Sopers Mill Road commented that the packet is not well organized. Draft 1 and Draft 2 should be separated by a page rather than noted at the bottom of the pages. He went on to comment that he agrees with Mr. Herrick and this ordinance would not be enforceable. He also questioned who determines what is considered “substantial” and what is not? He noted that the city should do something about structural problems, not paint.

Motion was made by Councilor Burns and seconded by Councilor Gilbert to strike section 12-226 on page 7 under Maintenance that states “free from substantial chipping and peeling paint” and refer this issue to Community and Economic Development Committee to further workshop with CDBG and Code Enforcement to come up with a plan regarding the paint issue.

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Passage of amendment 4-2 (Councilors Stone and Pross opposed).

Passage of Ordinance 02-02222016 (draft 2) as amended 6-0. A roll call vote was taken.

2. Ordinance 03-02222016

Adopting the amendments to Chapter 44, Article IV – Solid Waste. Public hearing and first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Burns adopting the amendments to Chapter 44, Article IV – Solid Waste.

Public hearing:

Larry Pelletier stated that he applauds them for what they are trying to do but wondered how we would be able to enforce this ordinance.

Dan Herrick stated that he cannot see this happening. He had concerns with trash cans in the road, having to purchase trash cans for his tenants and finding a place to store them. He went on to say that he doesn’t support this.

Passage 4-2 (Councilors Young and Titus opposed). A roll call vote was taken.

Order 07-02222016* (this item was removed from the Consent Agenda)

Accepting the transfer of \$2,050.10 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency to the Auburn Police Department (Superior Court Criminal Action Docket No. CV-15-745 Thomas Murphy).

Motion was made by Councilor Titus and seconded by Councilor Young to accept the transfer of \$2,050.10 forfeiture assets in U.S. currency to the Auburn Police

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Reports

Mayor's Report – he thanked Councilor Young for serving as Mayor Pro Tempore while he was out on medical leave and thanked the rest of the Council and staff for accommodating his slow movement while he was getting himself back to health. He highlighted some of the work that has been happening over the last week or so in Auburn which has brought in out of town money. We hosted the 44th Annual Lion's Tournament at the Norway Savings Bank Arena, and we were part of a nearly 60 game tournament between our facility and the Portland area which brought teams from all over New England and Canada. He stopped in to see how activities were going and found it impressive. There were visitors from Connecticut that went to the mall, spoke with a business there and it turned into a lead for a new advertiser. Also, Auburn played host at

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the Central Maine Community College to the Yankee Small College Conference Basketball Elite 8 tournament. He gave kudos to Dave Gonyea, the men's basketball coach and athletic director, at CMCC. They are starting a hockey program later this year and already have commitments from Quebec and as far away as Sweden. He added that good things are happening and progress is being made.

City Councilors' Reports

Councilor Stone noted that there was a father daughter dance at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. He said he thought it was an innovative use of the facility. The event was sold out.

Councilor Pross reported that Washburn School has a program called "Open Door Wednesdays" which is an opportunity to get families involved and interested the education of the children and in what is happening in the school. He commended Laura Shaw and Michelle Gagne for their good work in instituting this program. He also reported on the February 3rd School Committee meeting.

Councilor Young reported that he attended at both class A and B indoor track. The Portland Press Herald noted that Bates College was located in Auburn. He congratulated the ELHS girls indoor track team for winning the class A Indoor Track Championship. They will be recognized at an upcoming council meeting.

Councilor Titus attended the AVCOG executive committee meeting. They did get the word that Verso Paper will not be going out of business and it looks like they will actually be hiring. He said he also learned that there is a "Sports Commission" through AVCOG. He is hoping they can help to promote the Norway Savings Bank Arena.

Councilor Gilbert was invited to a senior's banquet at Pettengill Park through the Recreation Department. She thought the event was super, stating the Director knocked

herself out putting it together. She added that she is glad to see that Auburn is a senior friendly town.

Councilor Burns reported that the Board of Directors of the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council met February 5th. He was in attendance as the Council Rep, commenting that it was a good meeting. There was a brief discussion about Auburn Council's ongoing discussions with them regarding the scope of services. The Marketing Committee reported on their ongoing work in a community branding effort.

City Manager Report – He also spoke about the Father-Daughter dance that was held at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. He thanked Sabrina Best and Jasmine McLoughlin from the Recreation Department for their efforts putting the event together. The event was a success and sold out. He also spoke about the large tournaments that were held at the Norway Savings Bank Arena. He congratulated the St. Dom's Women's hockey team for winning their state championship, the ELHS boys alpine ski team for winning their state championship, and the ELHS girls indoor track team for winning their state championship, and the ELHS girls basketball team who won the Eastern Maine finals and will be going on to the state championship this weekend. He spoke about the Industrial

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Park grant. We are trying to get the grant closed out and get our money back. This will be scheduled for a future workshop.

Finance Director, Jill Eastman – January 2016 Monthly Finance Report

Motion was made by Councilor Stone and seconded by Councilor Pross to accept and place on file the January 2016 monthly finance report. Passage 6-0.

IX. Open Session - Members of the public are invited to speak to the Council about any issue directly related to City business which is *not on this agenda*.

Joe Gray Sopers Mill Road, stated that for the last couple of years a number of residents have been trying to get city staff to "start with yes, as opposed with starting with no" commenting that tonight was a good example of that. He added that "we can't keep looking at the negative things and try to beat everyone in the city down".

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Library Director wanted to remind everyone of their annual Indoor Farmers Market coming up over the weekend.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilor Gilbert and seconded by Councilor Burns to adjourn. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

A True Copy.

ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk

